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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1463

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section ~~51413~~ 35183.3 to the Education Code, relating to high school graduation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1463, as amended, Smyth. High school graduation: military uniforms.

Existing law prescribes the requirements for a pupil to earn a diploma of graduation from high school, including the completion of a specified course of study and passage of the high school exit examination.

This bill would provide that a pupil who has fulfilled all of the requirements to receive a diploma of graduation from high school pursuant to state law, *is otherwise eligible to participate in the high school graduation ceremony*, and has completed the basic training ~~required~~ for, and is an active member of ~~any armed~~, a branch of the United States ~~military~~ *Armed Forces*, has the right to wear the dress uniform issued to him or her by that ~~military~~ branch while participating in the graduation ceremony for his or her high school.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section ~~51413~~ 35183.3 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:

3 ~~51413. — A high school pupil who has fulfilled all of the~~
4 ~~requirements to receive a diploma of graduation from high school~~
5 ~~pursuant to this code and has completed the basic training required~~
6 ~~for and is an active member of any armed branch of the United~~
7 ~~States military shall have the right to wear the dress uniform issued~~
8 ~~to him or her by that military branch while participating in the~~
9 ~~graduation ceremony for his or her high school.~~

10 35183.3. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person*
11 *shall have the right to wear a dress uniform issued to him or her*
12 *by a branch of the United States Armed Forces while participating*
13 *in the graduation ceremony for his or her high school if that person*
14 *meets both of the following requirements:*

15 (a) *He or she has fulfilled all of the requirements of this code*
16 *for receiving a diploma of graduation from high school, and is*
17 *otherwise eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.*

18 (b) *He or she has completed basic training for, and is an active*
19 *member of, a branch of the United States Armed Forces.*